telecom development to provide 75 lakh new telephone connections in five years thereby substantially stepping up the rate of provision of telephones.

संचार के संबंध में सरकार की नीति

94. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय**: क्या **संचार** मंत्री 17 जुलाई, 1991 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न सं० 252 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार द्वारा संचार नीति तैयार कर ली गई है; और

(ख) क्या सरकार इसे बजट सत्र के दौरान संसद में रखेगी?

संचार मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० रंगैया नायडू): (क) नीति अभी तैयार की जा रही है।

(ख) नीति को अंतिम रूप दे देने के बाद उसे सभा पटल पर रख दिया जाएगा;

राष्ट्रकवि "दिनकर" पर स्मारक डाक टिकट

95. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय**: क्या **संचार** मंत्री 4 सितम्बर, 1991 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न सं० 482 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि राष्ट्रकवि रामधारी दिनकर के सम्मान में स्मारक डाक टिकट जारी करने के लिये क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है और उसके संबंध में अब तक क्या प्रगति हुई है?

संचार मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० रंगैया नायडू): राज्य सभा के अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 482 के उत्तर में यह बताया गया था कि श्री दिनकर पर डाक टिकट जारी करने के प्रस्ताव को फिलैटलिक सलाहकार समिति की अगली बैठक में विचारार्थ रखा जाना है। उपर्युक्त प्रस्ताव को फिलैटलिक सलाहकार समिति की आगामी बैठक की कार्यसूची में शामिल कर लिया गया है जो शीघ्र ही होगी।

Counting of Service rendered as RTP for Pension Purposes in P&T Department

96. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to treat the service rendered as RTP by the Postal and Telegraph Employees before their absorption as permanent staff in the department, as qualifying service, at least for calculating their pension when they retire;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) The Department of Posts have referred the matter for advice. As far as Department of Telecom is concerned there is no such reference.

(c) There is no such case in the Department of Telecom.

Entitlement of Free Conveyance to Group 'A' Postal Officers

97. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Group 'A' Postal Officers in Senior Time Scale of Rs. 3000-4500 are entitled to free conveyance from residence to office and back;

(b) if not whether some Senior Manager of Mail Motor Service, New Delhi who always use departmental vehicle on Government expense for the purpose, have been specially permitted; and

(c) what are the category of such officers of Delhi Postal Circle who entiteld to free conveyance from residence to office and back?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS SHRI (P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No such permission has been given

to the Senior Manager Mail Motor Service New Delhi and departmental vehicle is not used for the purpose.

(c) Officers in the Senior Administrative Grade in the Pay Scale of Rs. 5900-6700 are entitled to the depatmental conveyance from residence to office and back on payment of monthly sum of Rs. 75/-.

Agitational Programme of SC/ST Employees of P&T Department

98. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will be Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any notice for agitational programme to be started by SC/ST Employees of Department of Posts and Department of Telecommunications has been received from "P&T SC/ST Employees Welfare Associaiton" (Registered);

(b) if so, what action has been taken in each problem/demand mentioned in the notice;

(c) whether Government have already received repesentations on each problems/demands of these employees; if so, the action taken thereon; and

(d) if no, action has been taken the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The P&T SC/ST Employees Welfare Association is not one of the recognised service Associations. All the same, the demands of the Association were examined and necessary action taken. A statement indicating the position/action taken in respect of each demand is attached.

Statement

Sl. No.	Demand of the P&T SC/ST Employees Welfare Association	Position/Action Taken
1	2	3
1.	Reservation benefits in Time Bound one Promotion Scheme may be given to SC/ ST Employees w.e.f. 30.11.83	The Judgement of the Supreme Court dated 29.8.88 specifically provided that any order issued by the Government giving benefits to the SC/ST Employees would operate prospectively. The scheme of reservation in favour of SC/ST employees was, therefore, made effective from 29.8.88, the date of judgement.
2.	The SC/ST Employees may be promoted under Biennial Cadre Review Scheme on completion of 20 years service instead of 26 years service and the condition of minimum service in Time Bound One Promotion Scheme be fixed as one year instead of 7 years for SC/ST employees.	The Department of Posts has issued orders that if suficient number of candidates belonging to SC/ST community having 26 years of service do not become available for promotion against the reserved points, SC/ST candidates will be given promotion even if they did not have 26 years of service subject to the condition that they had rendered minimum period of service laid down in the relevant Recruitment Rules. The Department of Telecommunications has decided that SC/ST employees may be promoted under BCR Scheme after completion of 17 years of service in the basic cadre as against 26 years of service prescribed for officials of general category. It was not found feasible to allow promotion to SC/ST employees after completion of one year's service after promotion under One Time Bound Promotion Scheme.